GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:385
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2005
CHEMICAL WEAPONS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that various terrorists groups in the country particularly in the valley and North-Eastern States are in possession of chemical weapons;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any strategy to deal with the terrorists groups using chemical weapons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)to(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 385 FOR REPLY ON 23.8.2005 REGARDING 'CHEMICAL WEAPONS'.

(a) & (b): There are no confirmed reports about possession of chemical weapons by terrorists groups in the country.

(c) & (d): The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to deal with terrorist attacks involving use of chemical weapons, has been formulated. The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) lays down, in concise form, the steps required to be taken by different agencies at the national, State and district levels in response to the usage of chemical weapons by the terrorist groups.